

## **Report of Implementation for the year 2013**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 2 APRIL 2014**

Reporting CPC: Republic of Korea

Date: 2April2014

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*Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC resolutions*

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**Part A.** *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at its sixteenth Session.*

1. Resolution 13/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures  
No necessary actions to be taken in Korea
2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>  
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of the Republic of Korea has submitted to the Secretariat an updated template of the official authorization to fish outside National Jurisdictions with other information on 13 February 2014.
3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>  
On 13 February 2014, the MOF has submitted to the Secretariat a template of its new official logbooks of longline and purse seine vessels in English, one of the IOTC official languages in order to accommodate a revised data recordings.
4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans  
The masters of distant-water fishing vessels flagged to Korea should comply with all compulsory measures adopted by IOTC in accordance with Rules XX of the amended Distant Water Fisheries Development Act in 2014. In this respect, the fishing vessels have been prohibited from intentionally setting a purse seine net around a cetacean in the IOTC area of competence. In case a cetacean is caught unintentionally, the master of the vessels should take all reasonable steps according to the para.3 of Res.13/04.
5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)  
The fishing vessels have been prohibited from intentionally setting a purse seine net around a whale shark in the IOTC area of competence. In case a whale shark is caught unintentionally, the master of the vessels should take all reasonable steps according to the para.3 of Res.13/05.

6. Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed Fisheries  
As an interim pilot measure, fishing vessels flagged to Korea are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping, landing or storing oceanic whitetip sharks.
7. Resolution 13/07 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC Area of Competence and access agreement information <sup>a</sup>  
This is not applicable for the Republic of Korea since it is not a coastal State who could allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in its EEZ in the IOTC Area.
8. Resolution 13/08 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including more detailed specifications of catch reporting from fad sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species  
MOF has submitted to the Secretariat its Management Plans for the use of FADs on 31 December 2013.
9. Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC Area of Competence  
No necessary actions to be taken in Korea
10. Resolution 13/10 On interim target and limit reference points and a decision framework  
No necessary actions to be taken in Korea
11. Resolution 13/11 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence  
MOF has encouraged purse seine vessels flagged to Korea to retain on board and then land all non-targeted species as long as the vessel can ensure normal fishing operation except fish considered unfit for human consumption.

Note: <sup>a</sup> indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be requested at [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

**Part B.** *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

Part B is not applicable for the Republic of Korea since it has reported actions taken to implement 2012 CMMs adopted by the Commission to the Commission at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section April 2014 of the Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*).

- Resolution 01/06 *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*

CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually [A template report exists]).

**The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes  **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** 02/04/2014

No

**The report is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

Korea and Japan have exchanged bigeye tuna export and import data information to reduce data discrepancies, to the extent possible, between Korea and Japan. Both CPCs have agreed to produce the report which exactly matches the export and import data during July to December 2013. With regard to such data during July to December 2012 and January to June 2013, both Korea and Japan have reached agreement that both CPCs use the bigeye tuna trade data on the basis of exporting data from the exporting country as long as there is minor discrepancies within a reasonable tolerance level. Korea and Japan have shared views that some potential gaps might be caused by timing and cancellation of export. Therefore, both countries have reported the final trade information per each period, during July to December 2012 and during January to June 2013, and during July to December 2013 as follows.

Period : July to December 2012

Export from Korea to Japan : 97,763.9t

Period : January to June 2013

Export from Korea to Japan : 53,688.9t

Period : July to December 2013

Export from Korea to Japan : 106,776.3t

Period : July to December 2012

Export from Japan to Korea : 6,737.9t

Period : January to June 2013

Export from Japan to Korea : 5,053.4t

Period July to December 2013

Export from Japan to Korea : 1,787t

- Recommendation 05/07 *Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels*

The CPC flag states which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken to meet the minimum management standards when they issue fishing licenses to their “authorised fishing vessels”.

All distant-water fishing vessels flagged to Korea are required to meet all requirements including compliances with IOTC CMMs and VMS installation and so on set out in Recommendation 05/07. MOF has transmitted its annual reporting of implementation of the IOTC management standard for AFVs using the format shown in the Attachment2 of the Recommendation 05/07.

- Resolution 10/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing this measure and all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them. This is to include details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC Area of Competence.

Korean longline vessels have been implementing several measures, depending on their fishing strategy, which are tori-lines, night setting, weighted branch line, line shooting device and offal discharge control until the entry into force of the new measures to reduce the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries in Resolution 12/06. The information on interactions with seabirds has been collected through logbook and scientific observer program. Korea has reported details of seabird species to the Scientific Committee.

- Resolution 10/10 Concerning market related measures

For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report, a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually. *[A template report exists].*

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

**Yes**                      **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**No v**

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 is attached to the implementation report:**

**Yes**

**No v**

Additional information:

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- Resolution 11/04 On a Regional observer scheme

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Korea has provided the observer trip reports conducted for two longline vessels and one purse seine vessel in 2013. The coverage of the number of operations/sets for each gear was 8.5% for longline fisheries and 6.2% for purse seine fisheries.

- Resolution 12/04 On marine turtles

CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.

All Korean fishing vessels are implementing all necessary measures to maximize the survival of marine turtles set out in Resolution 12/04 as well as the FAO Guidelines.

- Resolution 12/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transshipment). *[A template report exists].*

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes  Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 02/04/2014

No

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2013 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

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- Resolution 12/12 To Prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area

CPCs shall include in their Annual Reports a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

The use of large-scale driftnets on the highsea has been prohibited by Korea's domestic Regulations since adoption of 1991 UNGA Resolution 46/215.

- Resolution 12/13 For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence

CPC's flag states shall monitor the compliance of their vessels with this Resolution through VMS, and will provide a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee. *[A template report exists].*

**The summary of VMS records has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for:**

**Longline vessels v**                      **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):**14/02/2014

**Purse seine vessels v**                      **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):**14/02/2014

**The summary of VMS records is attached to the implementation report:**

**Yes**

**No**

Additional information:

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- Resolution 13/04    On the conservation of cetaceans

CPC's shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

In such a case, Korean fishing vessels shall record and report all the information through logbook, and the information has been collected through scientific observer program as well. No observation in 2013.

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- Resolution 13/07    Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

For Government to Government access agreement in existence prior to the entry into force of this resolution, where coastal CPCs allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in waters in their EEZ in the IOTC Area for species managed by IOTC through a CPC-to-CPC agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement:

- Shall submit copy of the access agreement,
- Shall submit information concerning these agreements (paragraphs 3a, b, c, d, e, f, g),

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It is not applicable for the Republic of Korea since Korea is not a coastal State of IOTC.